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Spring Newsletter

Rhode Island College Local 1563 Continues Negotiations

Happy Spring! We want to update you all on some news and initiatives we are working on this spring. The Adjunct Union is in its sixth month of contract negotiations. The main issues we are focusing on are those we feel are most important to most adjuncts: pay increases, health care benefits, better working conditions (more time for personal leave, tuition-free courses for adjuncts, and other such issues). We hope to be done with negotiations by the end of the summer and will keep our membership updated as the new contract gets ironed out.

Did You Know?

Adjuncts have sick days: According to our contract, adjuncts in the bargaining unit are allowed up to 7% of the semester's class time for paid sick leave (about 2 classes if your class meets 30 times a semester).

Important dates so you can plan ahead:

May 1: You should receive your tentative fall schedule by this date

May 1: May Day Lunch for current/prospective department representatives to the Adjunct Union

October 1: Adjunct seniority list disbursed to department chairs

October 20: Tentative list of available courses for next SPRING semester circulated to adjuncts

November 15: Advancement Application for SPRING semester due

December 1: Tentative next SPRING course assignments sent to adjuncts in writing

December 14: Adjuncts sign, date, and return SPRING list to dept. chair

Mid-December: Adjunct courses assigned for next SPRING semester

Richard Walton Fundraiser

The fundraiser for the Richard Walton room, to be dedicated after the completion of renovations to Craig Lee, was a touching tribute to a life well lived. On Sunday, March 23, friends and colleagues of Walton's gathered on campus to

share stories about and music for Richard and his incredible life.

President Carriuolo and journalist Herb Weiss organized the event and raised several thousand dollars which will go toward furnishing the Walton Room as well as

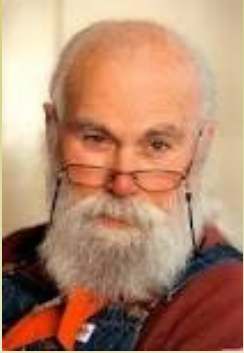
purchasing a plaque in his honor. President Carriuolo and Weiss also assembled an e-book of correspondence between Richard and his family, friends, and colleagues, so that his sharp wit and kind words will live on.

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More about Richard Walton



Friends of Richard's, who founded the Red Bandana Fund, also said they are organizing an event in June to honor Richard and raise money for his favorite local charities. Richard was hugely involved in the Amos House and, as many of you know, he threw annual birthday parties at his home in Edgewood to raise money for the foundation. The Red Bandana Fund hopes to continue that tradition, with an event full of music and remembrance. This year's event will be held at Slater

Mill on June 8 from 3-6 pm. Please visit the fund's website at <http://www.stonesoupcoffeehouse.com/page1/RedBandana.html>

A link, this to an article published by Herb Weiss, about the e-book of Walton's correspondence:

<http://www.rifuture.org/ric-honors-richard-walton.html>

A link to Richard's e-book:

<http://www.ric.edu/supportric/walton.pdf>

May Day Luncheon– Save the Date!

Are you one of our department representatives? Are you interested in finding out more about being a department representative? Please join us for an information session and lunch on **May 1**. We will fill you in on what we've been working on, ideas for upcoming projects, and details about what it means to be a department representative. We want to establish strong bonds between the officers of the Adjunct Union and department representatives, so we can be informed of important happenings in each department on campus. Having updated information allows us to make sure the contract is being followed and helps us better communicate the needs of our membership to administration.

Invitation, via email, to follow.

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Wishing you a pleasant end of term,

Deborah Kaspin, President

Joe Szpila, Vice President

Gary Garzone, Treasurer

Danielle Lavendier, Secretary